



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DAY OF PRAYER**  
MAY 5, 2005

**WHEREAS**, since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for hope, strength, comfort and protection in times of grief, anger and uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS**, National Days of Prayer are a venerable American tradition, the first such day having been proclaimed by the Continental Congress on July 20, 1775, to affirm the nation's spiritual heritage and to enlist prayer for local, state and national leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that we observe a day to acknowledge our many blessings, express gratitude, and recognize the need to strengthen religious and moral values in our state and throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, a day of prayer is also an opportunity to renew and inspire the joy we find in our faith, friends, family and communities, to remember those who are suffering and facing hardships, and to pray for peace throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, a day of prayer is a day to remember our brave men and women who are fighting to defend our country and preserve our freedoms, and to recognize those who have returned safely home to their family and friends; we also honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and the families who mourn their loss; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has set aside the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer, and this year's theme, "God Shed His Grace on Thee," allows us an opportunity to celebrate our freedoms and America's great tradition of prayer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 5, 2005, a **DAY OF PRAYER** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State